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Dear Parent:

Welcome back to a great school year! As you know, part of our mission is that every student shows measured academic growth. One way we measure growth is through an assessment developed by Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) called MAP Growth.

During the next few weeks, your child will take tests called Measures of Academic Progress® Growth (MAP® Growth). We give students MAP Growth in grades K-8 to determine your child's instructional level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year, and from year to year, in the areas of Reading, Math, and English Language Arts. Your child will take the tests on a computer.

MAP tests are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for your child's level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing. Your child's teacher will communicate the days your student may be testing.

Each school year, students in grades K-8 take the tests in the fall, winter, and spring. Following each testing period, you will receive a report showing your child's growth. This important information helps us track our progress of learning Georgia's curriculum as well as comparisons of how we are doing nationally.

We are truly excited to begin a new era that focuses on every child's individual growth and achievement. Partnering to help all kids learn, parents and teachers can have a profound positive effect on the lives of our children.

For more information and resources for parents, download the ***Parent Toolkit***.

Sincerely,

Faculty and Staff of Brighten Academy